

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 837

By Rochelle

A RESOLUTION to recognize Branden Witt, 2000 Valedictorian of
Friendship Christian High School.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to pay tribute to those persons who, through their natural talents and unflagging commitment to academic excellence, have distinguished themselves in the classroom; and

WHEREAS, Branden Witt is one such exceptional student who was recently named valedictorian of the 2000 graduating class at Friendship Christian High School; and

WHEREAS, through diligent study, steady composure during examinations, and unyielding commitment of time and talent, Branden has achieved outstanding academic success, and has joined the ranks of the best and brightest students in Tennessee and our country; and

WHEREAS, in his remarkable high school career, Branden Witt has earned an exemplary grade point average while actively participating in the Fellowship of Christian Athletes and the Key Club; and

WHEREAS, a gifted leader, Branden has rendered astute service as the president of his sophomore and senior classes and as the Spanish Club president, in addition to receiving the Hugh O'Brien Youth Leadership Award and participating in Boys' State as a delegate; and

WHEREAS, a natural athlete, Branden has been an integral member of the Varsity Tennis Team, placing second in the district in the doubles competition, winning the regional doubles competition, and being voted to the All-District Team in Tennis; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of his academic excellence, Branden Witt was inducted into the National Honor Society, was listed in *Who's Who Among American High School Students* during all four years of high school, and was awarded the University of Tennessee Alumni Scholarship; and

WHEREAS, Branden's fellow classmates showed their respect and admiration for him by electing him as "Most Likely to Succeed" in their senior superlatives; and

WHEREAS, Branden also participated in the Civil Air Patrol and achieved the Ira C. Eaker Award—the second highest award in the U.S. Air Force cadet program; and

WHEREAS, Branden's display of intellectual aptitude and ambition surely bodes well for his future success; and

WHEREAS, Branden's noteworthy achievement is a tremendous source of pride for his parents, Kenneth and Brenda Witt, his school, and his community; and

WHEREAS, Branden Witt's dedication to excellence is clearly deserving of the respect, admiration, and commendation of this legislative body; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That we hereby commend and honor 2000 Friendship Christian High School Valedictorian, Branden Witt, on his impressive academic achievement, and extend to him our best wishes for a happy, successful future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.